

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : LARS E.W. NILSSON
 Application No. :
 Filed : Herewith
 For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A
 SEALING GASKET ON A TUBULAR ELEMENT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the
 above-identified application:

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In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims to read as follows (a copy of the amended claims showing the additions and deletions appears at the end for the Examiner's convenience):

37. The ventilation duct component of claim 35, wherein the sealing gasket is axially fastened to the tubular element by arranging the sealing gasket in a circumferential groove.

Please add the following new claim 43:

43. The ventilation duct component of claim 36, wherein the sealing gasket is axially fastened to the tubular element by arranging the sealing gasket in a circumferential groove.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claim 37 has been amended; new claim 43 has been added; and claims 1-36 and 38-42 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Red-lined claim for the Examiner's convenience:

37. The ventilation duct component of claim 35 ~~or 36~~,
wherein the sealing gasket is axially fastened to the tubular
element by arranging the sealing gasket in a circumferential
groove.